

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Choong Seng BOON :  
Serial No. NEW : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH  
Filed August 22, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1193

DIGITAL IMAGE CODING/DECODING  
METHOD AND DATA RECORDING MEDIUM  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/155,398,  
filed February 2, 1999)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: